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SUBJ: SECURITY DETENTIONS CONTINUE DURING WEEK OF AUGUST 16

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1. DURING AUGUST 16-18 PERIOD, SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE CONTINUED CURRENT NATIONWIDE SECURITY ROUNDUP OF PROMINENT BLACKS WHICH BEGAN AUGUST 13 AS REPORTED IN REFTEL. DETENTIONS APPEAR TARGETED AT URBAN COMMUNITY LEADERS INCLUDING OFFICERS OF SASO, BPC, SACC, PLUS TEACHERS, DOCTORS AND PRIESTS. ALTHOUGH SECURITY POLICE OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO WITHHOLD NUMBER OF DETAINEES, NAMES REPORTED IN PRESS DURING WEEK OF AUGUST 16 INCLUDED:

2. JOHANNESBURG/PRETORIA: MR. L.M. MATHEBATHE, PRINCIPAL OF
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MORRIS ISAACSON HIGH SCHOOL AND CHAIRMAN OF SOWETO'S SCHOOL

PRINCIPALS' UNION; MR. RICHARD MBATHA, DIRECTOR OF ENTOKOZWENI EARLY LEARNING COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER AT MOLETSANE; MRS. MIRIAM SITHOLE OF ALEXANDRA WOMEN'S HOSTEL COMMITTEE; MISS LYNDIWE SISULU, DAUGHTER OF WALTER SISULU PRESENTLY IMPRISONED ON ROBBER ISLAND; DR. AARON MATHLARE AND MR. AUBREY MOKOENA OF SOWETO'S BLACK PARENTS ASSOCIATION; AND MR. MATAU, PRINCIPAL OF MAMELODI HIGH SCHOOL.

3. DURBAN: MRS. JEANNE NOEL, OFFICIAL OF BLACK WOMEN'S FEDERATION. CONGEN DURBAN REPORTS ADDITIONAL DETENTIONS DURING EARLY MORNING AUGUST 19 INCLUDING MEMBER OF INSTITUTE FOR RACE RELATIONS. PRESS HAS ALSO REPORTED DETENTION OF MR. STEVE BIKO, FIRST PRESIDENT OF SASO AND MISS TENJIWE MTHINTSO, A REPORTER FOR THE DAILY DISPATCH, BOTH IN KING WILLIAMS TOWN; MR. PAPA MBAJODI, EAST LONDON FIELD WORKER FOR THE DEPENDENCE CONFERENCE ADMINISTERED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES; AND MR. MICHAEL SEDGWICK, 18 YEAR OLD TRAINEE COMMUNITY ORGANIZER AND MR. RUSSEL BOTHMAN, UWC DIVINITY STUDENT, BOTH IN CAPE TOWN.

4. COMMENT: CURRENT SECURITY ROUNDUP OF BLACK LEADERSHIP PROBABLY EXCEEDS 100 AND SHOWS NO SIGN OF LETTING UP. SOWETO'S BLACK PARENTS ASSOCIATION IS EXAMPLE OF SAG'S SILENCING COMMUNITY BASED BLACK ORGANIZATIONS. OF BPA LEADERSHIP, ONLY CHAIRMAN DR. MANAS BUTHELEZI IS STILL FREE. EVEN BUTHELEZI MAY HAVE BEEN "NEUTRALIZED" IN THE EYES OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY FOLLOWING HIS WELL PUBLICIZED "MISTAKEN" ARREST ON AUGUST 13 AND SUBSEQUENT IMMEDIATE RELEASE. BOWDLER

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